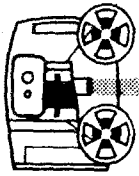


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## Standing Without Compromise



By the Late  
Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.

My friends, I want to read several verses from the fifth chapter of Matthew—that is the Sermon on the Mount. I want you to notice closely the first and second verses, and then I want to call your attention to the tenth verse. Now notice these words, "And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him: And He opened His mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

Now I want you to notice; this is the Lord Jesus Christ preaching the Sermon on the Mount, and He is talking to His disciples. Now all down here until He gets to

the eleventh verse, He is just enunciating certain things that are true. Now the pure in heart see God; the pure in spirit have the kingdom of heaven; those that mourn are comforted; the meek inherit the earth; those who hunger and thirst after righteousness are filled; the merciful obtain mercy; the pure in heart see God; and the peacemakers are called the children of God. And then He says—here is a principle that is established now—"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad, for great is your reward in heaven."

Now I want you to notice something. Let me say again, He was talking to disciples. Now you and I are in the circle—if you are a Christian. Now if you are a sinner, all Jesus Christ says to you is, "Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved." He invites the unsaved to come to Him. He offers you salvation. He died for you. He is able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by Him. Now then, when I come to Him, accept Him as my Saviour, I move into another circle, I am a new creation. I am born again. I am a member of His family. Now, when I move into His circle, I take on His image. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me." He

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## TWENTY YEARS HOW IT ALL BEGAN

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs

The year was 1972. After much prayer and searching of heart to try to determine if the burden we had to expand the little newsletter, GOSPEL PROJECTS NEWS (which we had been sending out for some years), into a full-blown periodical was indeed the will of God, and after coming to the conclusion that it was, indeed, the will of God, "I was sitting in my office one day thinking and praying concerning a name for the paper, when my gaze fell upon a film projector box sitting in the corner. The word, PROJECTOR, printed in large letters on the box caught my eye, and I realized that that word summed up in the best way what we wanted to do by, "Projecting the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the Day." It also fit into the name under which we had for some years operated our different ministries, Gospel Projects, Inc.



We Have Not Moved

That was twenty years ago, and as we print this 20th Anniversary issue, I believe we can say without fear of contradiction that we have stood by the purpose of the paper to: "Project the Light of the Word of God on the Issues of the day." We stand today exactly where we stood in the day we began, not one landmark has been moved one iota.

Statements of Purpose

Some of the statements made in that first issue under the heading, "Background-Purpose-Goals", were as follows:

"We live in a day when, '...evil men and seducers...wax worse and worse, deceiving

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## Editor's Desk

The Lord has been so good to enable us to publish The PROJECTOR the last 20 years. When we began in February of 1972, we could not begin to imagine the many issues there would be to speak to; issues that have had a dynamic impact upon the direction of Christianity, especially Fundamentalism, in our times. There is no doubt in my mind that we are living, not only in the last days, but in the last days of the apostasy of the organized Church. The Scripture gives ample warning of this, but I am afraid a major portion of the evangelical world has its head in the sand.

Every dispensation has ended in the failure of man, apostasy, and finally judgment. The Church dispensation is no exception. While millions of professed Christians go on their merry way seeking the success and praise that this world offers, spiritual darkness is fast settling upon the world in general and the local assemblies in particular.

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard (a banner) against him." (Isa. 59:19b). May The PROJECTOR continue to be used in that manner till Jesus comes for His body, the Church. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." (Rev. 22:20b).

Why not drop us a line letting us know your response to The PROJECTOR and any way it has proved a help or blessing to you. We would be encouraged by your letter.

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and being deceived" (II Tim. 3:13), and Christians need to be informed and instructed in what the Word of God teaches in these matters, as never before."

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### No Regrets

God has been so good in helping us keep the paper going out for these twenty years. We want to give Him all the glory. His grace has been sufficient for every situation as we have attempted to follow His leadership, many times on issues which were very controversial, but issues we felt it our responsibility to deal with if we were going to be true to our avowed purpose. Looking back on twenty years of publishing The PROJECTOR, I have no regrets concerning the issues we have had to deal with, I only wish we could have spoken with even greater urgency. It has never been our intention, nor in fact our

responsibility, to change anyone's mind; it has only been our intention to inform and to warn. It is the responsibility of individuals to decide for themselves what they are to do with this information and warning.

### Issues With Which We Have Dealt

#### A.C.E.

At the point of beginning of The PROJECTOR, none of the issues with which we have dealt over the years were known to us. However, in the second issue of the paper we penned an article entitled, "An Honest Look at A.C.E." in which we examined the first brochure published by A.C.E., at the request of one of our co-workers, who knew the men behind the program, and upon receiving one of their brochures, being concerned, gave it to me to read. I was shocked at the flagrant humanistic phraseology in the brochure and the unchristian methodology of the program. My concern was that unwitting pastors might be taken in without understanding the humanistic source of this material. That first educational article, exposing the ills of "individualized instruction", the product of the well known atheistic, humanistic, liberal psychology professor of Harvard University, B.F. Skinner, became one of the most important issues that we have addressed over these twenty years. Today the A.C.E. program and its founder, Don Howard, would have to be considered in the Charismatic camp, and our initial fears for the damage the program would do both

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## Deception by Imitation

Continued from Last Issue  
(Fall, 1991)

by the late Dr. F.V. Dabold

Is it not startling to read about the Pope issuing a proclamation putting his blessing upon Bible reading? In Montevideo Catholics have been known to go from house to house distributing Gospels. The book stores in Montevideo carry the Bible in stock and the university students buy them because they are obliged to read certain books in the Bible as classic literature. And yet from these efforts we have never known of anyone being converted to Christ. Why? Because God is doing a masterpiece, the greatest thing He has ever done, or ever will do. God has His particular method of working and He will never depart from that method. If the Spirit of God does not work, there will be nothing accomplished of a divinely supernatural nature. God uses only a Spirit-filled man. These are few and far

apart today. The Spirit of God is grieved because of sin and compromise in the church. He is retiring from the scene. The Church is almost complete. Behind the scenes this is what the devil knows, and he is confident, he has nothing to lose by exposing people to the Gospel—largely speaking.

Jesus said, "I receive not testimony from man" (Jo. 5:34). So when the demon possessed woman, sincerely and enthusiastically, dogged the steps of Paul, crying out, "These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation," Paul was grieved, as was the Holy Spirit, notwithstanding the fact that she spoke the truth. It is not enough to preach the truth. The Spirit of God must act directly

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# Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

## WALLY the WALLABY



What was that terrible noise?

The native bushman picked up his pace through the rough outback country. He was tired, weary, and anxious to get home from a long day's work, but fear struck his heart as he drew near and heard strange, horrible noises coming from the direction of his hut. What was happening? What could be causing such a ruckus? Had marauders or dingoes invaded his little thatched hut? Quietly he pushed through the tall brush toward his hut, but as he came closer, the noise got louder and louder. He moved cautiously and held his machete up ready for quick action. Then silently crouching down and spreading the bushes open before him so he could see, he froze in his tracks. There in the darkness in front of his hut, a terrible battle was raging. A wallaby (small kangaroo) and a giant python were locked in a mortal struggle.

It was plain to see that the battle had been raging for a long time, and the poor wallaby's frantic fight was getting weak and hopeless. He was a large, strong wallaby and he kicked with his legs and fought with all his might, but he was no match for the massive, twelve-foot python as it steadily, relentlessly coiled its deadly sinews around the terrified wallaby.

How, oh, how could such a terrible thing have happened? But the bushman knew, for the giant python is a dreaded foe to man and beast in the Australian outback country. Lying motionless, camouflaged under bushes or in a tree, the deadly enemy had waited as still as death for its prey. Then slithering so silently through the underbrush that the wallaby did not see it or know that danger was near, it reached out its deadly sinews and slowly began its unyielding, suffocating coil. The poor wallaby tried desperately to free himself. He kicked, twisted, and struggled but soon was entangled

in a frothing, writhing mass. As the bushman watched, the wallaby tried to lunge forward, but only fell panting helplessly on his side giving the giant snake another chance to force its coils higher and tighter around his body. With frantic, pathetic cries, the wallaby thrashed one way and then another, but his efforts were useless. He was no match for the deadly python. At last his breath was short, tight, and nearly gone. The doomed wallaby could not hold out any longer against his cruel foe. With no more strength to fight, he lay silently in the python's final grip. The end was near. All hope was gone.

Then suddenly, the breathless stillness was broken by the loud, sharp sound of a shot ringing through the night. In a second, the awesome snake went limp, its terrible coils began to loosen from around the terrified wallaby, and it fell lifeless to the ground. Stunned, but slowly realizing the terrible deathgrip was broken, the pitiful wallaby began to regain his breath and balance and weakly climbed out from his captor's deadly hold. What a relief! What joy! He was free! Free at last!

What had happened? What had made the difference in this battle? How could the one that was the sure loser walk away free and the seeming sure winner lay in a heap on the ground, defeated and dead?

What the poor wallaby did not know was that while he fought for his life in mortal fear, the bushman had sneaked into his hut and gotten his pistol. When he came back, he carefully watched as the precious wallaby and his brutal enemy fought and thrashed back and forth on the ground. Then, at just the right second, the bushman fired the gun! It was a direct hit, and the dreaded python crumpled limp and dead to the ground! It had no more grip on its captive. Its power was broken.

Oh, how happy and relieved the little wallaby was as he limped back through the forest to safety that night. He was tired and exhausted, but he was alive and free! He had come within a breath of death, but he had been delivered by an unknown friend who had come to his rescue.

How like that wallaby we are. We, too, have a mortal enemy. The Bible calls the devil a serpent who seeks "whom he may devour." Like that terrible python, he lurks in the shadows waiting for his opportunity

to destroy the souls of boys and girls. As sinners, we are easy prey to his temptations and snares. He persuades us to believe that our sins are "not so bad" and that we need not fear death or hell. He tries to blind us to the truth of the Gospel. He tries to hold us in his trap of darkness and death. Like the wallaby, we are helpless to save ourselves, but One Person made the difference. The Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, came to our rescue. Jesus Christ came from Heaven and gave His life on the cross of Calvary for our sins. He died in our place so that we might go free - free from the penalty and power of sin, free to obey and serve Him, and free to go to Heaven with Him someday when He calls. You can have this freedom. You can have your sins forgiven, washed clean by the precious blood of Jesus. You can have everlasting life! "Whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16b). "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." (John 8:36).

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God made our universe orderly. He created numbers and gave us the ability to develop skills in using numbers. The reason God made all things was to bring glory to Himself. Our students need to sense our appreciation to God for numbers and an "awe" at this precious gift as we use them in Math classes.

One very unique way to see God's hand of direction is in the use of measurements. Have you ever thought about the beauty of the system to change from one unit to another? Well, math students from Fifth through Twelfth have, and the general consensus is that they hate it. They feel that changing units of measurement is like fooling around with nature and that it ought not be done. The real problem is that they do not really know how to do it. They think the rules for conversion change from one math class to the next. If for some strange reason they get the problem correct, they feel as if they just lucked out! We must do a better job of teaching our students how to work these problems.

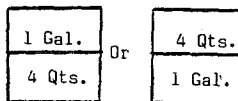
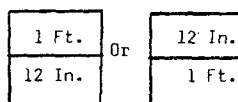
One method that is effective is the "elevator method", and this is how it works:

1) Draw the conversions as an elevator between floors: Teach the students to draw both "elevators" of the conversion. (Don't teach it written horizontally.)

2) Choose the elevator which has the unit you will be changing to on the 2nd floor.

3) Multiply and Reduce.

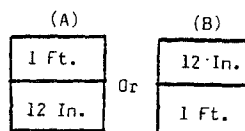
Examples of elevators:



Example: There are 36 inches of rope. How many feet of rope are there?

The elevator method:

1) Draw the elevators:



2) Choose the elevator (A) because we are changing to feet.

3) Multiply:

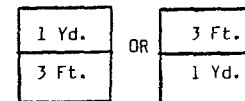
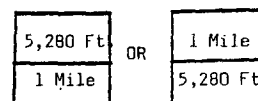
$$36 \text{ Inches} \times \frac{1 \text{ Foot}}{12 \text{ Inches}} = \frac{36}{12} = \underline{3 \text{ Feet}}$$

Example: How many yards are in one fourth of a mile?

This problem requires two conversions:

- miles to feet
- feet to yards

1) Draw the conversion elevators and choose the right ones.



$$2) \frac{1}{4} \text{ of } \frac{5,280}{1} = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{5,280}{1} = \frac{5,280}{4} = 1,320 \text{ Ft.}$$

$$3) \frac{1,320}{1} \text{ Ft.} \times \frac{1 \text{ Yd.}}{3 \text{ Ft.}} = \underline{440 \text{ Yards}}$$

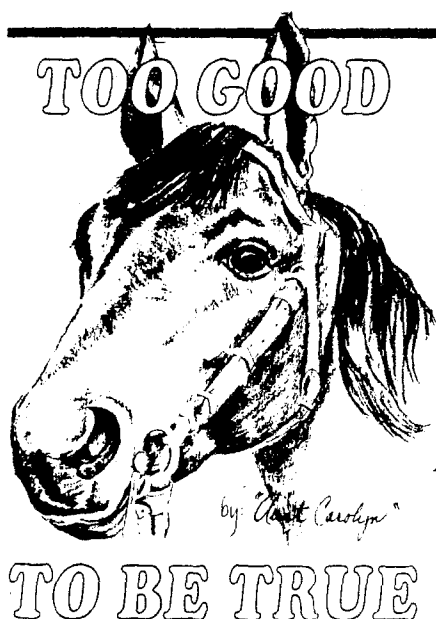
Two conversions are necessary to convert area measurements and three conversions are required to convert volume measurements.

Example: Change 180 Ft.<sup>3</sup> to cubic inches:

$$180 \times \frac{12 \text{ In.}}{1 \text{ Ft.}} \times \frac{12 \text{ In.}}{1 \text{ Ft.}} \times \frac{12 \text{ In.}}{1 \text{ Ft.}} =$$

$$180 (12) (12) (12) \text{ in.}^3 = 311,040 \text{ in.}^3$$

Once your students get a grasp of using the elevators and putting the conversion that you are trying to get to on the top floor, they will always know what to do next. (You will too!)



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## A Biblical Perspective Of Church Music

In order to establish a truly Biblical perspective of church music, one must go to the Scriptures. Paul states in II Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

The Old Testament bears record of God's approval upon music at the dedication of the temple. In II Chronicles 5:13-14, singers were accompanied by cymbals, harps, lyres, and trumpets; the result of this great praise in song was that "the house was filled with...the glory of the Lord." Again in II Chronicles, we have the account in chapter 20 and verse 22, "when they (the people of Israel) began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushments against the children of Ammon...and they (Ammon) were smitten." God destroyed a wicked people to protect Israel in direct response to the singing of praises to His Holy name. Furthermore in the New Testament, Ephesians 5:18-19 tells us that we as believers are to "be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in songs and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Not only does God approve of music in worship, but Scripture declares the necessity for the Holy Spirit's control upon our understanding when we sing. I Corinthians 14:15 states, "...I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also..." A better translation perhaps is "I will sing with Spirit-controlled understanding." Why is it so important that our singing be Spirit-controlled? Paul gives us the answer in verse 19 of the same chapter. "Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also..." Truly we should be "teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." (Col 3:16). Thus, Scripture gives to us a strong basis for the rendering of music in our worship to God.

### GOD'S GLORY

With a scriptural foundation laid for music, we can derive three basic objectives for church music. The first is that all music written and performed should be to the glory of God. The phrase "to the glory of God" is much used today by people of all religious stripes, but very few know what kind of music truly brings "glory to God". Holiness is God's very nature and character. Tunes or texts that smack of the world and its corrupting influence cannot bring glory to God. That is why contemporary "Christian" music, so-called, is an affront to God and His Holiness. Hymns in our church hymnals that do not glorify God and His Holy Word in tune or in text are unscriptural and should not be sung in our worship services. J.S. Bach, one of the greatest composers that ever lived and a devout Christian, declared that "the object of all music should be the glory of God..."<sup>1</sup> I Corinthians 10:31 gives us the scriptural standard that "whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Truly, this is the supreme aim of church music.

### PROPER VIEW OF CHRIST

Church music should bring individuals to a proper knowledge of Jesus Christ, who is the "Word made flesh." "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou sent" (John 17:3). It is my contention that many music directors and some pastors do not realize their responsibility to use hymns that are correct scripturally. Singing a hymn or gospel song that is theologically incorrect just because it has been sung for generations is putting the traditions of men over the authority of God's Word. Christ cannot be honored when His Word is made into error. It is also important to always keep in mind that God never said that He would bless music as a method of bringing lost souls to Himself. I know that sounds almost heretical to some if not the majority of many today. God blesses the preaching of His Word "to save them that believe" (I Cor. 1:21). God has never ordained music as His means of evangelism to reach the lost. Now the Word of God has power in song as well as in speech, but it remains true that it is the pure Word of God that does the work of God under the direction of the Holy Spirit - not the music. Jesus Christ and His blessed Word must be clearly presented by a proper text and a God-honoring tune.

### EDIFICATION OF BELIEVERS

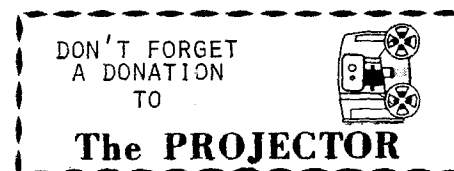
It is the solemn duty of church music to edify believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). Building up believers in the grace and truth of God's Word is vital to a God honoring music program within the local church. What we need is scriptural music and texts that meet the needs of the true church without compromise to the world.

### STANDARDS, NOT TASTES

With these objectives in mind the church music director must direct his attention to choose music that accomplishes these purposes without falling into worldly styles of music. If he depends upon his own personal preferences or tastes, his judgments upon the music he chooses will have the tendency of leaning toward his own weaknesses about musical choices and will probably lead to error. Because of the deceitful and corrupt nature of our hearts (Jer. 17:9), the innate tendency to choose the unscriptural exists. Therefore, we must apply standards and principles based upon the Word of God when choosing the music for the church service. The next issue will contain important criteria, which I believe are important for choosing sacred music in our churches.

The pastor and music director have an enormous responsibility to provide an adequate and Christ honoring program of song in the local church. They must constantly and consistently evaluate the music used in the local church in the light of its purposes and principles upon which church music is chosen. Too often though, it is my opinion that church leaders become content with expressions of worship through music of inferior quality. "Much of the music used in Evangelical circles fails to touch both the heart and the head and to stimulate action in dedicating one's volition to the Lord."<sup>2</sup> This is a sad predicament in our churches today. We must understand that our Lord Jesus Christ deserves that which is excellent.

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says, "You are on one side or the other: you are either for me or you are against me." All right now, no man is for Him that doesn't obey. "You are my friends if you do what I command you." Now, if you are not living for Him, you are not in the circle, but if you take your stand for Jesus Christ, trust Him as your Saviour, you are going to be persecuted. There has never been a time in the history of the world since Jesus Christ came and went back to Heaven, but what the majority of people were against Jesus Christ. Now you think of the teeming millions in the world. Think of the millions in China—just think of it—just a little handful of Christians; Japan—just a small percentage of Christians; Korea—just a very small percentage of Christians. Go down to India with its teeming population—why only a very small percentage of people are Christians. You can go all over the world and take all the countries of the world, and only a very small percentage of them are Christians. I remember when Dr. Torrey preached the Gospel around the world when I was a young fellow, he said something that shocked me. He said, "I don't believe that ten percent of the people in America are Christians." He had been all over the world. Now when you see how people are living and judge them from the Bible and God's standards, and see how the whole world drifts along, how they trample on the Word of God, how they spurn the love of God, how they live like the world and most of us do live like the world, when you boil it down—you have only a very small percentage of the United States that is really Christian.

A man has to be born again to be a child of God. If you haven't been born a second time you are not a Christian. You can join the church. A great percentage of the people of America are church members, but now what does church membership mean in America to the average person? It doesn't mean anything except they just go along with the crowd. It is just a matter of respectability. Take your own church—how many people in your church do you know that are really what you call spiritual people, that stand boldly for Jesus Christ, do not conform to the world, that are out and out for Him? You go to counting them up now in any circle of the world. What I am saying to you is that folks who are out and out for Jesus Christ represent only a small percentage of the population of America—now remember that. I don't mean that we have all the Christians—don't misunderstand me.

But you take the average school that you know today, the average state institution—or even the average church school—and watch how they live and what they do. How many of them are Christians, how many of them would show forth the Christian spirit in this world? Now God's crowd is a small crowd. You know you might just as well face it—Jesus said it, but you know, we don't want to believe that. We've gone out in this country to have a great majority group of Christians, and it's all right to get as many people saved as possible, but in our effort to appear Christian we have gone out with all sorts of compromise.

Now it means something to be a Christian, it means something—you have to stand for something. You take on the enemies of Jesus Christ. Now we celebrate His birthday at Christmas time, we have a celebration on Easter, we talk of the holy resurrection day and there is a sort of set-up of the population all over the world, but when it comes right down to the showdown, you'll find out that only a small percentage of your church people show any signs of real Christian life, and you know that. The pastors will tell you so; they don't go to prayer meetings—just a little handful at prayer meeting. They go to church on Sunday mornings, stay at home and see the television or listen to radio on Sunday night. In other words, if your church is spiritual and you are spiritual, you gravitate to it, you have an affinity for it.

Now you go on and on down the road and you will read in the

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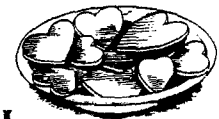
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Revelation 5:9 states, "Thou art worthy...for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood." Realizing that Jesus Christ gave His all for us, we in turn as believers should give our best to Him in every aspect of our lives—including the area of music. A return to good, Scripturally sound hymns, expressing both worship and edification, is greatly needed. Not only that, but a separation and rejection of music that follows worldly styles and associations must take place in order that God's blessing may come upon us and that His name may be truly glorified.

May we all take into practice the Scriptural admonition concerning music in worship and may it "dwell in us richly in all wisdom" as we sing and give glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.

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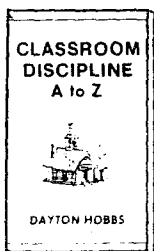
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through the speaker, and communicate the truth in a cordial manner, from the heart of the speaker to the heart of the listener. The Spirit acts in a sovereign manner in His choice of time, and place and speaker, as well as the listener. He is never, never reduced to such straits as to be compelled to use the tools of the devil, or to violate His own restrictions laid down in the Word. There is too much compromise today in the church to witness much of the work of the Spirit.

In a certain church the pastor was preaching like a whirlwind, "Be sure your sins will find you out." On the front pew sat a woman, supposedly his wife. When the service was over, two policemen waited at the door to apprehend this man, for the woman was the wife of another.

In a certain church there is a man who seems to have a string of converts. He is the best personal worker in the church. Then lo and behold it is discovered, he has joined the Theosophist Society. What kind of "converts" would such a man have, according to the Word? Why, they would be "children of the Wicked One" - tares, that look so much like the wheat. Our churches today are full of them.

No, it is a gross error to suppose that any old Tom, Dick, or Harry can go out and open the Bible and commence preaching and win converts to the Lord Jesus. There is always great dignity to the manner of God's working. Has He not warned us then of the precise manner of operation of the Mystery of Iniquity in the last days just preceding the tribulation? Jannes and Jambres are preaching loudly today, and we do well to listen to what they say.

#### Tradition, Imitation, Habit

The two magicians of Egypt did not deny the reality or the authenticity of the miracles of Moses. They did something far more effective. They duplicated the miracles to show that they were in possession of what might seem to be the very same power. We first of all wish to call attention to the fact that IMITATION was the method Satan used to outwit Moses for a time, and that this is the method he is scheduled to use in the last days, with such great success as to make the two magicians look like innocent Sunday School boys.

IMITATION. We are all born imitators. Like the monkey, we love to "ape." For the most part the child

says what he hears others say. He does what he sees others do. Very little of what he says or does is original with him. With respect to religion, we believe this can be said of the larger part of those who profess to be real Christians, and who solemnly declare that they believe the Bible from cover to cover.

Professor James of Harvard University was wont to tell the students in his psychology classes that there was absolutely no value in studying the religious experiences of the average professing religionist. "For" said he, "they have had no original experience of their own." He goes on to explain that, generally speaking, a man's religion is made for him by his forefathers, and handed down to him much in the same way that a boy receives a hand-me-down suit of clothes from his elder brother. Then he says: "His religion has been handed down to him by TRADITION, it is determined to a fixed form by IMITATION, and maintained by HABIT."

It is our solemn conviction that

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Bible that the day is coming when there is to be a form of godliness, an appearance of godliness, without the power of godliness.

Now in the early days, the early Christians had no houses in which to worship. They worshipped in the homes, they met where they could, and they worshipped in attics, they worshipped out in the woods-wherever they could get together to meet God and have fellowship. They were persecuted: they suffered. Now if we stood today for Jesus Christ like they stood back in those days, we might not be killed like they were killed, but we would be persecuted. Now listen just a minute. Bob Jones University was founded as a Christian School. We said, we are not going to conform; we are going to do the best we can. We are human; we are not going to compromise. We are going to stand. Now here we have all these young people from all over the world, and most of them, as you know, are good, spiritual young people. They are not breaking into homes, they are not destroying property, they are not turning things upside down, they are going ahead and living good Christian lives-most of them. They are talented students, many of them are gifted students. Well, you would think everybody would be for Bob Jones University, wouldn't you? You wouldn't think it if you were a Christian. The reason that some people are against us is because we

these three words sum up the kind of Christianity we have in America today, namely TRADITION, IMITATION, and HABIT. We believe that the majority of professing Christians today have only a thin veneer of profession, and that even in many pulpits where Bible truths are preached, the Jannes and Jambres skill in deception has been exercised beneath the bewitching trickery of words.

The Holy Spirit has forewarned those who wish to be taught, that, throughout this Church Age, and at any particular period of time within it, there would be very few saved. Matthew 20:16 and 22:14 bears this out. The Spirit further instructs us that at the endtime there would be fewer still that would come into the experience of eternal salvation, but that on the other hand those days would be like the days of Noah, (Luke 17:26).

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take on the enemies of Jesus Christ. We have to. "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake." Now remember that word "falsely" in there. It doesn't say they say evil against you. There may be some evil in all of us-maybe there should be-but they say "falsely" for my sake-they lie about you, they misrepresent you. You can take any man that stands for Jesus Christ in this world-he will be lied about, will be misrepresented. They will say he's jealous, they will say something else about him. They will spend their time doing it. It has always been so. Now Jesus says it is going to happen to His disciples. There they were, plain ordinary men He picked up and trained and sent them out to represent Him. And He said, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you." You are in the circle; you represent Him. "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake."

Now there's the Son of God that they had taken and crucified, the blood of Jesus was on the hands of the government and on the hands of the people. Jesus had been rejected by the religious leaders, He had been rejected by the masses, now they were taking on His enemies. Now for a man to stand for Jesus Christ meant that he was condemning the folks that crucified

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### THINKING OF FOOTBALL

There once lived a pastor who was quite a football fan. He shocked his congregation when he announced he would no longer attend football games for the following fourteen reasons:

1. Every time I go to a game they ask me for money.
2. Though I went to games regularly, no one ever spoke to me, or asked my opinion.
3. I was a good fan, but the coach never came to see me.
4. The seats were too hard, and even had no backs on them.
5. The weather during the football season was sometimes atrocious. Indeed, sometimes I had to sit in the rain or snow, huddled under an umbrella. It has been difficult to get home on the bad roads after the game.
6. Sometimes the game was too long and I had to wait longer than I wanted for my dinner.
7. The field judges and linesman made some decisions that I did not agree with.
8. Most of the people around me were hypocrites - they cared more for partying than for the special aspects of the game.
9. Frequently the band played music I didn't like. Sometimes they had music I had never heard before.
10. Sometimes at halftime they introduced features that had little or nothing to do with football.
11. Sometimes I had a bad seat, and I felt I might have been better off staying at home.
12. Some people seemed more interested in showing off their new clothes than in the game.
13. Since I have bought a book on football, I stay home and read it.
14. I now have my own personal relationship to football, and I consider myself just as good as those who attend the game.

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Godly men who have been looked up to as spiritual leaders, filled with the Holy Spirit, have been of the same opinion. For example, Oswald Chambers, writing years ago in his book, "My Utmost for His Highest," said that it was his conviction that, in his day, only 15% of all professing Christians had actually been saved, and that 85% of church members had never been born again. Some years later Dr. Reuben A. Torrey said he believed that only 10% of those who profess to be believers were really converted and that 90% had never had an experience of salvation. If those statements are true, we may be sure the percentage today is much, much lower, in this present Laodicean apostasy.

It has been well said that MAN IS INCURABLY RELIGIOUS. He has a religious nature which craves satisfaction. Therefore he must have a religion. But man has an amazing capacity for self-deception. His gullible nature can easily be satisfied by satanic deception. Taking the path of least resistance, as he is prone to do, what could be more acceptable to him than Christianity as it is preached from our pulpits today—an easy "believism" without repentance, and a "Christian(?)" life without cross-bearing and no sacrifice or reproach. To become a member of any other religion would entail a great deal of difficulty and some sacrifice. Christianity has been brought to our attention more often than any other religion. Furthermore, there is nothing demanded of a professing Christian today that any old sinner of the world cannot comply with in his natural strength. In fact we often meet people of the world who are more noble in many ways than many so called Christians. As Billy Sunday was wont to say: "The bars are down so low that any old hog with a bank roll can get in." Today nothing supernatural is expected of a "believer." He is only to "believe." "The devils believe and they tremble," but this is an easy "believism."

In addition to this the church almost never exercises its obligation to discipline unworthy members. Hardly ever is anyone discharged from church membership. The writer remembers a young preacher who, in his zeal for the truth of God, sought to disfellowship an ungodly deacon. Sunday morning the church voted unanimously to bring this deacon on the carpet the following Wednesday night. When Wednesday night came around the church was packed. The big majority of the people consisted of a certain class of rif-raf which

should have been expelled from the church years before. The voting began and the pastor (not the deacon) was discharged from his position on the spot, without any notice, and at a time when the pastor's wife was under doctor's care, and they did not have enough money to get out of town. This episode would take place all over the U.S. today if pastors were faithful to the Word of God in the matter of church discipline. This is Laodicea; and Laodicea means "THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE." It is a democratic church that rules the pastor.

For this reason the church is becoming a "catch-all" for all kinds of strange birds, a "cage of every unclean spirit" (Revelation 18:2). It is developing to be more and more the "SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN" rather than an ecclesia, the "Church, which is His body." The word in Greek means a "Called Out Assembly of People" separated from the world. Synagogue means a "GATHERING TOGETHER of all classes" and is the world church of the Ecumenical movement. If we are really living in the last days, then Laodicea is in our midst. It is a church in which the risen Lord finds nothing good at all to commend. If my reader will consult chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation he will find that in each of the other six churches the ascended Lord, speaking from heaven, finds something good to commend and He is quick to recognize this good and to express His approval. But in Laodicea He finds nothing good to commend. The members of this church are people of the audacious kind, who take everything for granted, and with a presumptuous, officious spirit say: "I have need of nothing." With what surprise then must they receive the words of the Lord: "You have nothing at all, neither the gold of faith nor the white raiment of righteousness. Since 'Faith worketh by love' and this alone gives rise to the Blessed Hope, how could you possibly presume to have the hope of the rapture?" Yes, Laodicea does not have one thing of the three fundamentals that form the basis of our Christian system, yet she is so thoroughly deceived as to think, she has need of nothing. The day of the GREAT DISILLUSIONMENT is drawing near. With what surprise do these audacious folks receive the news: "I NEVER KNEW YOU, depart from me." (Matthew 7:21-23). The man without the wedding garment was speechless, for he was taken completely by surprise (Matthew 22:12). Those in Matthew 25:44 shall answer insolently: "When saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked,

or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?" Indeed deception is rampant in the church, along these lines, today. John writing in the golden sunset of the glorious days of the apostle says (II John 7) "Many deceivers are entered into the world." Be sure beloved there are many, many more today.

When the writer was in the U.S. on a speaking tour, he often felt the cold chill that told him he was facing a congregation of church members, a large number of whom had never been born again. At such a time he would address the congregation thus: "If I should come back here ten years from now, I would find many of you just where you are tonight, because you are tonight just where you were ten years ago. There is no sign of growth, and that is a suspicious sign of unreality, for WHERE THERE IS LIFE, THERE IS GROWTH."

"Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also." Imitation will become more artful on the Devil's part as the age runs out. Deception will become all but universal before the rapture. A comparatively few will be spirited away. Then the Devil "who deceiveth the whole world" will do a master stroke of imitation in the persons of the Roman dictator and false prophet.

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Him. Like Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost, and said, "Him...ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." No wonder they were against Him, they were guilty before God, they had rejected the sinless Son of God, they had tried to get rid of Him, and they couldn't. They nailed Him to a cross, and then He was put in the sepulcher and raised from the dead, and the issue was there. They didn't want to face the issue. If they faced the issue it was condemnation to them. Now the world is under condemnation.

You know what you ought to do—you ought to accept Jesus, you ought to trust Him, you ought to stand for Him. You don't have to hunt persecution, you don't have to go around with a chip on your shoulder, but if you are right with God, you are going to have persecution in this world. "In this world, we have tribulation," Jesus said—now you are going to have it. If you don't talk much, if you just live a good, faithful, uncompromising Christian life, people say, "Well, she's no better than anybody else," "He's just putting on like that—he wants something." And you know they will lie about you, and they will slander you. Now Jesus said that would happen. He said, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." And He said, "Blessed are ye," you disciples sitting here, I am talking to you, "Blessed are you." Now remember, when men shall revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake, you ought to rejoice that you are counted worthy to suffer with the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, if you suffer with Him, you'll reign with Him.

Now Jesus Christ is still the rejected one. We use His name, but very few people accept Him as He is. They deny His virgin birth, they deny His atoning blood, they deny so many things, and if they don't deny those things themselves, then they go along with people who do deny them, and make friends with them and work with them and go along with them and make up to them, and the friendship of the world, He says, is enmity against God.

Now my friends, listen to me. Let's make up our minds that we are going to stand in this year for the Word of God, uncompromisingly. Whatever the Bible says is so. We are going to stand for the Lord Jesus Christ. When the issue is

clear, and the line is drawn, we are going to take His side. We are not going to compromise. We are not going to compromise His Word. We are not going to trim, we are not going to cut any corners, we are going to be faithful to Him. Now let's make up our minds. Some of you have been out of fellowship with Christ; you haven't been living like you ought to live. Now come clean with Him. Step over on His side and say, "Jesus, I am here, give me grace to stand." Make up your mind you are going to stand for Him and for His Word. You cannot stand for Him unless you stand for the Bible, because all you know about Him is what the Bible says. The man that doesn't believe in the infallibility of the Scripture cannot stand for Jesus Christ, because Jesus Christ is set forth in the Scriptures as the infallible Son of God.

Now let's turn our lives over to Him, and let's be faithful to Him.

Our Heavenly Father, help us to be faithful. Some of us won't get through this year and Jesus may come back this year. We may see Him and meet Him in the air. Help us to be faithful to Him, true to Him, cost what it may. May there be no compromise and no surrender, but may we be faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ let it cost what it may. We pray in His precious name.

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to the cause of Christian Education and many individual children have been fully realized. We did not win any battles in this "war" that I am aware of, but we did accomplish what it was our responsibility to do: shed the light of the Word of God on the issue.

Bill Gothard

In September, 1974, the first of our articles concerning Bill Gothard's Institute of Basic Youth Conflicts appeared. This was followed by several others in the following issues. This issue is still with us, but for many Christians, the error of much of Gothard's teachings, and the destructive results of his influence in the lives of individuals and churches is obvious. We accomplished what we set out to do; not to try to force our opinions upon others but to inform, so that others would have information to make their own decisions. Many who once supported Gothard have now ceased to do so.

Jack Van Impe

In the September, 1977, issue of The PROJECTOR appeared an article entitled, "Is There A Hate Movement In Fundamentalism." This article was prompted by a message Jack Van Impe gave at Cobo Hall in Detroit, in which he stated that there was such a "Hate Movement" and that a great deal of it was directed at him because of some of his associations. I was at that convention, got a tape of the message, and wrote the article in The PROJECTOR in response. The rest is history. Van Impe left the Camp of Fundamentalists, if he ever was one, and has proceeded down the path he chose.

#### Other Issues

Over the years there have been many other issues we have spoken to including: "Falwell's Folly"; the Peter Ruckman KJV heresies, and many others. We have taken lots of shots, often from well meaning but misinformed or non-informed Christians. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. used to tell his preacher boys to have a tough hide but always have a tender heart. We have certainly tried to keep a tender heart, but only the Lord knows our success rate. The "tough hide" comes automatically if you stay in the fight for truth long enough.

Why not drop us a line to let us know of any impact The PROJECTOR has had upon your life.



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